



Carl Vinson / CVW-9 Sailor of the Day

AN John Turner



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Don't be fooled by Today's Sailor of the Day, AN John Turner from Air Department's V-3 Division. Underneath his cool, easy-going exterior lies the work ethic of a warrior and the spirit of a winner. Getting the job done safely and correctly is his Kung Fu ... and according to Hangar Deck LCPO ABHC(AW/SW) Chris Brunson, Turner's Kung Fu is strong.

"He is a very hard working individual," said Brunson. "The immense work load he carries is of a second class-petty officer, and he does a great job carrying it out."

Turner is a hangar-bay director who supervises six Sailors while also serving as the "tractor king." Being king means Turner is responsible for all gear used to transport aircraft through the hangar bay.

"My favorite piece of equipment is the 20K forklift," said Turner. "Altogether, it's the fastest running, and we use it to transport our really heavy stuff like arresting wires."

Hailing from Georgia, Turner joined the Navy for the travel and educational opportunities.

"Once I get out, I plan on using the Montgomery G.I. Bill to go to aviation school. Afterward, I am thinking, maybe, I might come back in as an officer ... maybe."

Skillfully, Turner operates a tow tractor used to drag aircraft from one hangar bay to the other. It takes a minimum of five Sailors to move any of Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 9's birds.



AN John Turner from Air Department's V-3 Division wrestles with the tension regulator attached to a chain.



Turner and a fellow tractor jockey eye the moves of an E-2C.

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